

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yes, I would.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator McFarland, what I am curious about is those inmates that are on death row right now. If we pass this bill with your amendment, would those people that are on death row right now be automatically relieved of the death penalty and converted to 30-year sentences?

SENATOR McFARLAND: I think the bill itself, if I read it correctly, has a provision that would make it retroactive and would not impose the death penalty on those people. I think I'm correct in that. My amendment is directed at specifically prospectively.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR McFARLAND: What about the people who are serving a life sentence and then prospective...in the future happened to kill someone in prison?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Then it's safe to say that those that are on death row right now would be relieved of the death penalty?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Under the bill itself, unless there is another amendment that would alleviate that exception, that would be true, Senator.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Fine. Senator Chambers, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Ernie, do you...or, Senator Chambers, do you...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all right.

SENATOR GOODRICH: ...do you concur in what was just said by Senator McFarland?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, he is absolutely correct. The way the bill is drafted, should it pass, those on death row would have their sentence converted to a life sentence where a minimum of 30 years must be served. He is correct, it would apply to those currently on death row in that respect.